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The German submarines, lying in wait for American transports, got desperate at failure and had to attack the first thing that came to hand, whether sailing ship or rowboat.

Every little thrift stamp has a meaning of its own.—Manchester Union.

And every little war savings stamp has a meaning 20 times greater. Therefore, don't be satisfied with thrift stamps simply; buy the larger denomination of government securities and soon own a war savings certificate.

The Woodstock minister shoulders a rifle with the uttering of these words: "I have come increasingly of late to feel that at this time of world crisis my place of duty is with the other young men of the nation in active service against the enemy of those things for which the church of Christ, as well as all true civilization, stands. I can no longer withhold my full contribution to our common cause." That is the sort of spirit that is bound to sweep young American manhood into the service of their country and of the world's best ideals. The words are the words of a modern crusader.

The late Charles W. Fairbanks earned the money with which to gain an education, became a multi-millionaire and later was elected to the office of vice-president of the United States after having been in the Senate. That in brief is the story of the career of the Indiana man, who has been frequently ridiculed in American political life, called the "human icicle" and alluded to as more or less a child of good fortune in politics. Indeed, Fairbanks was so often pictured falsely that the American people came to have an entirely perverted understanding of the man; they did not realize what a self-made man he was and that he was a man of force and initiative albeit rather austere in manner. Now that Fairbanks is dead the good qualities of the man are being placed uppermost and he is revealed as one of the strong men of the past generation of Americans.

The disparity between the allotment of anthracite coal to Vermont for the winter of 1918-19 by the national fuel administrator and the expressed wants of the people of the state indicates that many people will have to burn wood or go heatless at some time through the next cold weather. The desires of the people are far greater than the amount apportioned to the state. And inasmuch as there seems to be little chance of getting the national fuel administrator to increase the allotment to be equal to the demand it behooves Vermont people to turn their attention toward getting up a woodpile for their own use or for sale. Many Vermont people are in position to do this and, moreover, the heating apparatus of their homes is such that wood is almost as good as coal. Therefore, prudence cautions that the Vermont woodpiles should grow rapidly in the months intervening before the advent of cold weather.

The action of the survivors of the steamship Carolina in striking up the "Star Spangled Banner" as they left their ship under orders from the German U-boat was a heroic performance and the music must have instilled courage into the hearts of all. Music under adversity is one of the finest antidotes of fear. In theatre panics, in school room hysteria, in real disasters there is nothing like music, and the strains of familiar music especially, to relieve the taut nerves and restore the mental equilibrium. In these times it is particularly fitting that the national air be used at every possible occasion of this sort. In addition to being an inspiring message, it stands for strength, solidity, energy. The "Star Spangled Banner" means the United States and all that the United States means, and the singing or playing of it is calculated to exert a wonderful influence. Let the "Star Spangled Banner" be heard often, both in adversity and in time of joy.

WHY SAVE THE WHEAT NOW?

Official estimates place the wheat reserve for domestic consumption in the United States as only 20,000,000 bushels, as against the normal reserve of 100,000,000 bushels at this time. This means that between the present time and the harvest, which is approximately Aug. 15, there must be a marked conservation of wheat. This conservation is absolutely necessary in order that our allies and the armies of our allies and the army of the Americans in Europe may not suffer for want of the kinds of food that can be shipped without damage and which can be best utilized in the European countries. Those who heard Mrs. Beatrice Forbes-Robertson Hale's lecture in Barre a short time ago have a vivid consciousness of the reason why the people of the United States must save wheat during the next two or three months. The thing to do is to take this responsibility home to our individual selves, to make the resolve to eat no wheat at all, or as little wheat as possible, in our homes and then to live up to the resolution.

To that end clubs and other organiza-

tions are being formed all over the United States to encourage the saving of wheat; and in many places systematic canvasses are being made to enlist each household in the conservation movement. Such a plan is to be tried in Barre, as we understand it, and all the people are to be asked to eliminate the use of wheat during the next two or three months. When we realize the suffering and deprivation that is coming to the people of France as they are forced out of their homes and to travel scores of miles on foot in order to escape with their lives it seems a little enough sacrifice for us Americans to suspend the use of wheat and to use substitutes which are practically as good for the average person. Indeed, it is not really a sacrifice at all to give up wheat for the next few weeks because we are not confronted by the invader and we are living practically normal lives far removed from danger. It ought to be a welcome duty for all Americans to accede to this request to eliminate wheat either entirely or practically so.

MABEL SYRUP'S COLYUM

"To have a lively and not a stolid countenance."—Truth of Intercourse.

"The time has come to conquer or submit. For us there is but one choice. We have made it."—President Wilson.

The Impetuous Morticians.
 "With them came all the undertakers of Burlington, in addition to a number of other willing workers, who plunged into the task of rescue."—Burlington news story.

Brithers Twa.

"Aye, Wullie, we hae disagreed I' times lang gane by word an' deed; Ye wadna my guid counsel heed An' took a fa'."

Together now we'll mak' great speed—We're brithers twa!"

"Aye, Teddy, mon, ye ken fu' weel Ye banded me like th' very deil! Maist like ye've bangit Geordie Creel—Fu' on th' jaw."

Th' past's a ghaist, th' present's real—We're brithers twa."

"Aye, guid folk, we hae had oor spate; I' fact we focht like dogs an' cats! But I' ane ring noo lies oor hats—Noo oahk ye a'!"

The war's nae safe for demperats! We're brithers twa."

"Mac" in B. L. T.'s Column.

Your Motives Cannot Be Impugned.

The service was conducted by the pastors of the local churches. The large choir and orchestra rendered appropriate music, so as to merit and receive applause.—Bradford item.

Gunpowder vs. Talcum.

(From Letters to the Editor.)

"Washington, May 18, 1918: I have refused three commissions in the non-combatant branches of the army, and am going to enlist in the army as a private of infantry and work my way up to a commission from the ranks. I came here all prepared to take a commission in a certain staff department, a commission as major. After seeing the enormous number of incompetent staff officers here in Washington, I decided that a desk job is no place for a real soldier, and my place was in the front-line fighting. I am going to enlist in the army, where the fighting is going on. The doors are closed to civilians seeking appointment, so the only way to get in the line is to enlist and kick your way up. This I have decided to do, and by the time this reaches you I shall be on my way to Camp Meade, where I shall 'take on' with the 318th infantry. "I did not attend the training camps, so missed the opportunity for getting a commission in the line. If I had not come to Washington I might have been content to be a 'Bevo officer,' but after seeing the crop I do not care to be a staff officer. I am a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, served several years as captain in the Tennessee National Guard, was major and commandant of cadets at Sewanee, am the author of military publications used extensively in the army, and have had, you might say, 20 years' study and experience in army and military matters.

"I don't know whether I shall ever be an officer or not, but I do know that we are going to the other side pretty soon, and instead of specializing on talcum powder around the fashionable hotels in Washington, I expect to be among those who come into intimate contact with gunpowder. We are going to kick hell out of the kaiser, and I am going to be there at the kicking."

Speaking of Red Letter Days.

Mrs. Sarah Sanborn and family had their annual meal of string beans last week.—Thetford Center item.

The Putney cor. who complimented Mrs. Naomi Darden on having the banner garden of the village missed, to the best of our belief, one of the vernal season's best openings for a nice little item in rhyme. Business of sighing for the Walt Matrons of yesteryear.

Our Modern Eyes Order the Thing Differently.

The other day Marcia Kesson White ran her hand onto a great big adder which was enjoying a nap in one of her hen's nests. Marcia did not purpose, like her ancient relative, to fall to the wiles of his snakeship's blandishments, so seizing a turf cutter promptly decapitated the reptile at the same time whacking from the bottom of her heart that it was the kaiser.—Newbury item.

A Massachusetts farmer, writing to his county paper, consigns all dogs in the Bay state to a far less frigid climate. I. D., who is not suspected of being a sheep breeder, suggests the better alternative of repopulating the nation that let loose the dogs of war.

Wherein the Reporter Casts Off His Mantle of Charity and Points a Moral.

At a session of the probate court last week Tom Penniman, formerly of Cambridgeport, later of Bellows Falls, and for a number of years a boarder at the town farm at Bartonsville, was adjudged insane and Monday was taken to the retreat at Brattleboro. The removal converted him from a town to a state charge. Poor old Tom, picked in booze, rotting with disease, town pauper and now state pauper, has come to his last

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boarding place. Two or three years ago his condition created much local sympathy. He was visited by well-meaning ladies, who attempted to clean him up, but it was a hopeless case. For years his mind has been going down into darkness. His approaching end illustrates the truth of the biblical statement that the wages of sin is death.—Bellows Falls item.

Going, it seems, on the theory that we have hard work to fill The Col. W. B. H. reminds us that the cognominal elements of the law-breaking motorist who attempted to elude the lynx-eyed police of Montpelier ends with Looney.

As the day approaches when this community shall decide for itself the measure of its patriotism, it seems meet to reprint two stanzas that form one of the heritages left us by a soldier who never wrote a line of verse before he arrived on the battleground of Europe. It is good war chest gospel.

In Flanders' Fields.

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place, and in the sky The larks still bravely singing, fly,
 Scarce heard amidst the guns below,
 We are the dead. Short days ago,
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie
 In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe,
 To you from falling hands we throw
 The Torch—be yours to hold it high;
 If ye break faith with us who die,
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
 In Flanders' fields.—Capt. John McRae.

Business as Usual.
 Recent changes in automobiles are these: Henry Rising and D. A. LaDue have each exchanged their Ford cars, Orwell item.

Some with guns
 Help smite the Huns.

While others with zeal
 Are padding a war chest. M. S.

CURRENT COMMENT

Where Fitzdale Is.

Since Fitzdale has come before the public as the home of that mother who has given two sons to her country on the battlefields of France, there has arisen the query where is Fitzdale? It has been commented upon as being in Essex county and the inference conveyed that was sufficient reason for its being so little known. This is not so, for we know of places within a short distance of the state capital that are as little known throughout the state as is Fitzdale. We believe as great a query would be made if the place called "Adamant" was up for location and yet "Adamant" is in the town of Calais is within seven miles of Montpelier, and is located in the heart of the state's industrial activities. Fitzdale is in the town of Lunenburg and located there is one of the largest paper mills in the state. It is on the Connecticut river, one of the most important waterways in New England, and although Essex county is located in a far away corner of the state almost a "No Man's Land," yet it has within its bounds some of those noteworthy things that make Vermont and New England famous and not the least of these is its patriotism.—Island Pond Herald.

The Destroyer Building Record.

The remarkable speeding up in building of destroyers in this country is an encouraging feature of the situation. Destroyers are the best hunters of submarines. The more American destroyers there are the safer will be the high seas. In five months now a destroyer can be built and made ready for service. Before the war 11 months made a record in America.
 As for the phenomenal record of 17½ days in which the new destroyer Ward was made ready for launching after the keel was laid, at the Mare Island yard, the speed was more apparent than real. It is explained by the navy department that much of the superstructure and various parts were assembled and put together before the keel was laid, so that once the craft was made ready for launching in unprecedentedly quick time. Still, this remarkable performance indicates how construction processes are being developed in the direction of speed of output.
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Whether we realize it or not, this war is testing the character of each individual. These processes are thorough and it is best for us that they are inevitable.

To the man who is self-contained with his own affairs and looks not beyond the horizon of self-interest, retribution shall be swift and terrible.

Let us be men, lest we forget.

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GRANITEVILLE

Don't fail to hear Charles R. Taggart, "the man from Vermont," at Miles' hall Monday evening, June 10. Enjoy an evening with one of the best entertainers of the country and help the Red Cross at the same time.—adv.
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